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A. Gen PITOVVRANOV's Organisation

1. Frontier passes

On or about 14 Mar 56 Lt Col KHOBOKO, announcing himself as from Gen TARASOV, spoke to Gen PITOVVRANOV's Duty Officer (DO). KHOBOKO stated that a complaint had been received from Lt Col SAFONOV, Comd, 250 Mil Kdtra, FRANKFURT/Oder, that no specimens existed, at the control Point, of passes, permitting the bearer to cross the DDR frontiers, signed by Gen PITOVVRANOV, Col GOLOVKOV or NIKIFOROV. Gen PITOVVRANOV's deputy replied that bearers of such passes had been travelling on them for the past two years.

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Col Gen A. P. TARASOV is CoS, GSFG.
Source has previously established
that Col M. N. GOLOVKOV is subordinate

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2. Lt Col KHOBOKO pointed out that the FRANKFURT/Oder Comdt was newly appointed and was tidying matters up; he was, furthermore, quite justified in pointing out this omission. KHOBOKO therefore requested the deputy to transmit his message to Gen PITOVVRANOV together with the request that appropriate specimens be forwarded.

3. Some personalities in Gen PITOVVRANOV's organisation are shown in Appendix "A".

B. Col SHATALOV's Organisation

4. Reference to AKIMOV

On 21 Jan 56 an officer from Col SHATALOV's HQ, also known to source as a Dept (Otdel), informed a detached officer that a new order concerning him had been received from AKIMOV.

Comment: Col G.V. SHATALOV at POTSDAM is subordinate to Maj Gen G. K. TSINEV, Chief of the KGB Third (CI) Dte in GSFG. Col AKIMOV has been traced by other sources in the GSFG Polit Dte.

5. POL Supplies

A trace of 4 Feb 56 established that detached officers of Col SHATALOV's organisation draw POL from the MT Coy at HQ, BERLIN Garrison.

6. Illegal entries to POTSDAM

On 23/24 Mar 56 Maj FROLOV, attached to the Indep Garrison Bn at TELTOW, was asked for details of Russians detained in 1955 and 1956 for attempting to enter POTSDAM via the Western Sector of BERLIN. This information was apparently required by Col SHATALOV's organisation, and was later passed by FROLOV to (Lt) Col SPIVAKOV, who has been traced as SHATALOV's deputy. FROLOV only had record of four occurrences of such illegal crossings over this period, not taking into account "3 members of the Embassy" who had been wrongly detained in January or February 1956.

7. Some personalities in Col SHATALOV's organisation are shown in Appendix "B".

G. BERLIN Garrison

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8. Reports from Control Points

On 7/9 Feb 56 Maj LOGANOV, CoS of SIZONENKO's Bn, and Col POMAZANOVSKII, CoS, BERLIN Garrison, discussed daily reports to be submitted by Control Points to Garrison HQ. The speakers said that a new order provided for reports for the previous 24 hours to be submitted by 1000 hours. Previously Maj LOGANOV said, the reports had been sent in at 1500 hours. The difficulty was that the Germans only sent in their data at 1200 hours, which was in accordance with their instructions from "the German Directorate". Reports would not match if the Soviet and East German times did not synchronise. POMAZANOVSKII instructed Maj. LOGANOV to persist in this matter and to insist that it was the Germans' duty to comply - "they must be forced to do so". Maj LOGANOV then replied that the Germans finished the day's work at 1600 hours; they came on duty at 0800 hours and passed the necessary data at this time to the Kdtra, but it was 1000 hours before

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the Kdtra had finished with the data, which did not reach the detachment until 1200 hours. POMAZANOVSKII agreed that he would talk the matter over with Lt Col KOSTYLEV, who heads a GSEFG Special Services Dept element attached to the Soviet Garrison, BERLIN.

Comment: Lt Col SIZONENKO is Comd and Maj I.P. LOGANOV is CoS of the (?178) Indep Garrison Bn at TELTOW near BERLIN.

9. On 3 Mar 56 Lt Col KOSTYLEV informed HQ, GSEFG, that the Germans had been instructed by Col STOCK, of the German Border Police, to submit reports, on persons passing and detained at the Control Point, only once a month. KOSTYLEV was told that this was nonsense and that he must instruct STOCK to have reports submitted daily.

Comment: Col STOCK is Chief of the DDR Border Police (HQ, PAETZ).

10. On 15 Feb 56 Capt KOSENKO informed one KRIVOKON'EV that reports on people passing through the Control Points, and not on vehicles, should be submitted. The return of vehicles should go into the quarterly report; the return of people should be submitted daily.

Comment: Capt KOSENKO is on the staff of the Soviet Garrison, BERLIN.

11. Building Work at Control Points

A trace of 28 Feb 56 mentioned that work on huts at Control Points at DALLGOW, FALKENSSEE and ALBERTSHOF had not been completed.

12. A 16 Feb 56 report also mentioned an enquiry whether "the Chief Foreman" had been at the NOWAWES Control Point.

13. Mines to be sent to BORISOV.

On 27 Feb 56 Sr Lt BORISOV (Tech Off of Lt Col SIZONENKO's Bn) spoke to his battalion and left a message for Capt DOROKHIN to the effect that DOROKHIN should send the mines to BORISOV at the MTO.

Comment: MTO is believed to be an abbreviation for Material and Technical Supply Section.
Capt N. A. DOROKHIN is a technical officer in the 154 Indep Garrison Bn at GROSS GLENNICKE.

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14. Direct communications with East Germany

On 28 Feb 56 Maj SIZONENKO of HQ BERLIN Garrison informed HQ, GSEFG.

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wished "to remain". Later it was said that they were to be taken to HENNIGSDORF.

Comment: Lt Col DOROSHENKO is Comd, 154 Indep Garrison Bn, GROSS GLEHNICKE, and HENNIGSDORF is an East German control point. This is the first reference by source to the 2 Coy at HOHENNEUEN-DORF, a DDR control point.

16. Teleprinter Equipment for the British

On 23 Mar 56 a report was passed from DREWITZ Control Point stating that at 1400 hours that day a lorry had been stopped; it was carrying equipment for "British HQ, BERLIN, Olympia Stadium". Details given were:-

Lorry driver: Johann SCHNEIDER
Born 9 Dec 34 in PIPINSRIED, DACHAU, Oberbayern
Lives: PIPINSRIED
Identity card (Ausweis): PYBY U I 342011 B,
issued in DACHAU.
Lorry registration No: B50/5212, with trailer
AB 54/9367
Contents: two complete SIEMENS and HALSKE terminal
teleprinter instruments, type DWT (UET), with code
receiver and transmitter, factory Nos. 8M45534 and
8M45536.

It was said that the two complete instruments had been declared as spare parts, which was false. A fine of 1,000 D Marks was therefore suggested.

17. At sometime on 22/27 Mar 56 this matter was referred to the Soviet authorities. Capt SHILOV, an interpreter in Col KOTSUBA's office, was told about the matter. He was greatly relieved to learn that the hold up was only because of faulty documentation and that the equipment could be sent on without Soviet personnel having to interfere.

Comment: Information of 1 May 56 identifies Col I. A. KOTSUBA as Dep Comdt for Diplomatic Affairs, Soviet Garrison, BERLIN.

18. Control Point at BOHNSDORF

On 17/18 Mar 56 Lt Col KOMISSARCHUK asked Lt Col LOSEV to be at the Control Point at BOHNSDORF the following day at 1000 hours. He added that excursions left from this point. LOSEV asked for 40 tickets and an interpreter.

Comment: Lt Col KOMISSARCHUK is on the staff of the Soviet Garrison, BERLIN, and Lt Col LOSEV is subordinate to Maj Gen L. I. BAUKOV, Chief, GSFG Trg Dte. BOHNSDORF is on the route between ZOSSEN and BERLIN.

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19. Rationalisers

On 27 Feb 56 Maj VOROB'EV of Lt Col DOROSHENKO's Bn spoke to Col POMAZANOVSKI about expenditure for equipping a room "for the rationalisers [rationalizatory]".

20. New unit at BERLIN-Karlshorst

A conversation on 24 Feb 56 between Col MIKHAILOV, Chief Polit. Off, BERLIN Garrison, and Lt Col ALIMOV, HQ, GSFG, revealed that a new unit, thirty strong, had arrived and was located in the BERLIN-Karlshorst compound. There was no indication of its duties or of its personnel.

21. Capt YAKUSHEV and Capt VEIKHMAN

shows

A report of 29 Feb/2 Mar 56 that Capt YAKUSHEV and Capt VEIKHMAN:-

- (a) were subordinate to Gen DECTEREV;
- (b) were in BERLIN on a special but unspecified mission of 20 days, which had been authorised by the CoS, HQ, GSFG;
- (c) were attached to HQ, BERLIN Garrison, for rations and accommodation. It was also revealed that similar attachments to the above, from Gen DECTEREV's "outfit", had taken place before.

Comment: Source has traced a Gen DECTEREV in GSFG associated with artillery matters (August 1955).

D. Miscellaneous

22. Maj KURUSHKIN relieved of his post at ROSTOCK

On 30 Mar 56 Maj KURUSHKIN was ordered to report to Gen TSINEV the following day. This was the first information from source which had linked KURUSHKIN directly with the Chief of the OO*, KGB, GSFG. A subsequent trace, on 6 Apr 56, showed that KURUSHKIN was to be relieved of his post; in the report an officer in HQ, 2 GMA, by name NESMONIN, (a subordinate of Gen DANILYUK) announced that they were finishing with KURUSHKIN who was, by order of TSINEV, to hand over to his successor, Maj SEMENIKHIN, by the 12th and be ready to leave on the 17th (April).

23. On 10 Apr 56 KURUSHKIN spoke to Gen DANILYUK at HQ, 2 GMA, and reported that he had handed everything over. He then went on to complain of his treatment: "I simply do not know the facts", he said. "I have been told nothing. Cannot some explanation be given? To decide the fate of a man and tell him nothing of what it is all about, Comrade General, is somehow not right. It is all being done in the style of 'blind man's buff'".

24. Further information of 12 Apr 56 showed that KURUSHKIN was transferred to CHKALOV, USSR.

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Comment: A security section subordinate to KURUSHKIN is located at ROSTOCK, and Gen S. A. DANILYUK at HQ, 2 GMA, has been associated by source with counter-intelligence matters.

25. Security Check

On 21 Feb 56 a conversation took place between a Maj ZACHEV of HQ, 2 GMA, and a certain VOLKOV believed to be at the KGB Third (GI) Dte at POTSDAM. In the conversation, ZACHEV reported that his man had confirmed his own information. The man had remembered the approximate date but not the time beyond the fact that it was dark. He had met the individual in question in a corridor. His face had been wet from rain, or maybe from perspiration, and he had been wearing a raincoat and cap. The man had said that he had been in town; he had not stopped but had passed on.

Comment: Maj ZACHEV is probably subordinate to Gen DANILYUK.

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